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The assertion that our "support is worth little or nothing to any institution" we regard with disdain; convinced that this is the insinuation of a man who knows nothing of what has been done for the British and Foreign Bible Society by many of us, and who is not disposed to do justice to what he knows to have been done by others of us; and recollecting that our support, such as it has been, was not in former times so lightly esteemed.

Anglicanism represents his Correspondent's report to be "a true account." We declare it to be *utterly false*. In witness whereof we subscribe our names, this 14th day of December 1827.

W. Syme, Minister of the United Secession Church, Close, Newcastle.
James Pringle, Minister of the United Secession Chapel, Clavering Place, Newcastle.

John Lockhart, A. M. Minister of the Scotch Church, Newcastle.
Tho. Gilmour, Minister of the United Secession Church, North Shields.
Charles Thomson, Minister of the Scotch Church, North Shields.
Hamilton Murray, Minister of the Presbyterian Chapel, Gateshead, Durham.

Adam Dawson Gillon, Minister of Carlisle Street United Secession Chapel, Newcastle.

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J. T. Paterson, Minister of St. George's Chapel, Bishopwearmouth, Durham.

John M'Ewen, Student of Divinity, Prospect Cottage, Durham.

Robert Simpson, North Shields, Native Englishman.

John Anderson, Jun., Newcastle, Native Englishman.

Thomas Hogg, Newcastle, Native Englishman.

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William Wilson, Newcastle.

W. G. Landells, Newcastle, Native Englishman.

Thomas Fleming, Newcastle.

James Hood, Elder, Scotch Church, Newcastle, Native Englishman.

The following is extracted from a Letter, addressed to the Editor of the Christian Observer, by the Rev. Dr. Thomson.

You seem to think that our opponents in Edinburgh and other places are free from that virulent spirit by which we are said to be actuated. But what title have you to utter such a statement? And where is your proof that what you allege is true? It is not true. If you had perused what has been written on both sides of the question, you would not have had the boldness to indite any thing so inconsistent with fact. Did you read the articles which appeared in the Eclectic Review? Did you

read the lucubrations of the *Congregational Magazine*? Did you read the statements of those members who dissented from our Committee? Did you read the *Epistles of Amicus*? If you read these productions you must have seen what should have prevented you from lending yourself to the senseless and unprincipled cry which has been raised about our bad spirit. And to put an end for ever to the injustice we have experienced on this score, let me recommend to your attention the *Letters of Anglicanus*, just now published, which proceed from the pen, and under the sanction, and with the proffered responsibility of the Rev. Henry Grey, Minister of St. Mary's, Edinburgh, and one of the Secretaries to that Committee which you are so ready to denominate "highly respectable," and on whose movements you so delightfully congratulate the Christian public.*

(Extracted from the Christian Instructor for December, 1827.)

What we stated in our last Number respecting the Newcastle Courant, has given the Editor of that paper mortal offence. We singled him out as having acted a most unworthy part. He denies the charge we brought against him: but in doing so, he only increases his demerit by imposing upon his unwary readers, and by saying what is literally untrue. And this we shall show in a few sentences.

Our remarks were published on the 20th Nov. Let this be remembered. Now the Editor of the Courant boasts of having admitted a great deal of matter on our side of the question, because he admitted Mr. Lockhart's three letters, which appeared on the 20th and 27th October, and the 3d November. But let it be remarked that these letters were not written on the question that is agitated between the two Societies, but on a mere question of accuracy as to the account given by Mr. Lockhart in this Magazine of the transactions which took place at the Meeting of the Newcastle Auxiliary Bible Society, at which Dr. Steinkopff and Mr. Montgomery were present. This question might have been settled in favour of the one side or of the other, and the great subjects of dispute would not have been in the least degree affected. In fact, it had no more to do with what Dr. Thomson pleaded for and against, at the meeting of the other Society, than if it had been a debate whether the Chairman wore spectacles or spoke fluently. But in the conclusion of that letter, dated Oct. 2d, from "A Member of the Newcastle Bible Society," to the first part of which Mr. Lockhart ably and satisfactorily replied in the three letters alluded to, there was an attack on Dr. Thomson, as an opponent of the London Committee, and on the correctness of those statements as to the Committee and their proceedings, which he—alleged to be the Editor of the Edinburgh Christian Instructor—is said to insert from time to time in that work. To this attack an answer was sent by "A Member of the Edinburgh Bible Society," dated the 30th Oct. Did the Editor of the Courant give it a place? No

* I understand that some of Mr. Grey's friends are taking it upon them to deny his concern in the authorship and publication of these Letters. Let Mr. Grey speak for himself. Let him but venture to put a negative on my averment, and I will offer such proof as neither he nor his fellows in the Corresponding Board shall be able to resist. But I am much mistaken if, even with all the recklessness and insensibility he has manifested in his pamphlet, he will dare to whisper a denial.—A.T.

such thing: he does not even pretend to have done so. He demanded at the rate of *three guineas* per column, or, in his genteel mode of telling the tale, he presented to the gentleman who offered the communication for insertion a list of his prices for advertising! And having acted in this mean, partial, and pitiful manner, he straightway inserts *gratuitously* in his paper for Nov. 10th, *another* abusive letter from "A Member of the Newcastle Bible Society," and to give ampler demonstration of his injustice and partizanship, he puts into the same paper a more abominable letter still, signed "Judas Maccabeus" i. e. as it is said, a Methodist Minister in Newcastle. This, together with a little dirty squib at Dr. Thomson, from Mr. Pengilly—that apology for a controversialist—is all that took place *previous to the date of our remarks*, of which that very fair, liberal, ill-used lover of three guineas per column has thought proper to complain, and to complain in the language of gross abuse! When he boasts of having inserted 1,157 lines on our side and 648 lines on the other side, he gives a specimen of his powers of *mistification*, which is a proof of cunning, not of honesty. He is guilty of an anachronism, by putting into his estimate of what took place *before* the 20th Nov. the acts which he performed *after* that period. He confounds one subject with another—making no distinction between an incidental dispute carried on by two individuals as to the mere circumstantial accuracy of a report drawn up by one of them, and the essential merits of that great controversy which has been waged between the friends and the opponents of the London Committee, in which—not two individuals—but all supporters of Bible Societies are concerned. And it is too true, even for the Editor of the Newcastle Courant to deny it, that *while he freely admitted a rude and scurrilous attack on Dr. Thomson personally*, as well as relatively to his charges and exertions against Earl Street, *he refused to admit a defence of that Reverend Gentleman, unless it were paid for at the rate of THREE GUINEAS a column!!!*

The Letter which he so *disinterestedly* rejected, found its way as an advertisement into the *Tyne Mercury* of Nov. 13th, the Editor of which acted impartially at least, for he would not admit papers on either side of the dispute unless they were paid for at the advertising rate. There are two assertions respecting it adventured by the Editor of the Courant, (what will he not adventure in this case?) both of which we hesitate not to say are thorough and palpable falsehoods. *First*, he accuses it of being "vituperative;" let it be perused that the contrary may be seen. It is severe on a scribbler whose only object seemed to be to run down Dr. Thomson, right or wrong, by hook or by crook. But it is not "vituperative," and has none of that silly and scurrilous trash which disfigures the three or four letters on the opposite side to which the Editor gave so free and hearty a welcome. And *secondly*, he affirms it to be "extravagantly laudatory of Dr. Thomson:" let it be perused, we again say, that the contrary may be seen. The charge is utterly groundless: it is a fiction of the Editor of the Courant, to soften his fall: but it will not do. He knows, and all his readers know, that when he makes the assertion, he falsifies. And after this shameless violation of truth, in order to gloss over his passion for the *three guineas* a column, and his *penchant* for the champions of the Apocryphal party, we look for nothing at his hand but a repetition of the editorial injustice and sordid manoeuvring of which he has been found guilty.

We beg pardon of our readers in general for dwelling on such a subject; but this much was necessary for the satisfaction of our friends in Newcastle and its neighbourhood. Next time that the Editor of the Courant is pleased to indulge in the same offensive strain of observation, we shall take the liberty of rebuking him by name—though by the bye, we ought to thank him for having laid before the public our last article, and thus giving it wider circulation. May we hope that he will be equally generous as to this? Let him put as many notes and comments to it as he pleases; only let him strictly adhere to truth, which is of more value than all the guineas that his advertising pages can ever gain.*

It would be unjust not to mention that the Editor of the Newcastle Chronicle has admitted the papers on *both* sides of the question; for which he merits the best thanks of those who love truth, and who love free discussion as the means of eliciting and ascertaining it. And it is worthy of remark, that in consequence of this fair dealing, Mr. Pengilly, An Antipedobaptist, &c. who stood up for the London Committee, have been completely beat off the field!

In his Seven Letters, signed Anglicanus, the Rev. Mr. Grey has given us, as a *true* account of the meeting, which Dr. Thomson attended last October, of the Newcastle, North Shields, South Shields, and Sunderland Bible Society, an account which has *scarcely one word of truth in it*. The Rev. Gentleman who has thus so willingly and greedily lent himself to the publication of a tissue of deliberate falsehoods, shall hear more concerning his demerits on a future occasion. In the meantime, we advise him to be somewhat more nice as to the character of his Newcastle Correspondents, and somewhat more tender of his own reputation for veracity. His being born *so very far south* as Morpeth or Alnwick, gives him no title to calumniate Scotchmen, to outrage common feeling, or to give circulation to mendacious statements, even though he could thereby prop up the cause of the Apocrypha and the Corresponding Board.

* If the Editor of the Newcastle Courant expects his antagonists to reason with him, he must first show that he himself is capable of reasoning. The man who can speak of "*ribaldry*" being a "*repetition of untruths*," does not know what an argument means. And as to his triumphant reference to the silliness of Mr. Tyson, and the absurdities of Mr. Meggison, and the palinode of Mr. Sandford, he is earnestly requested not to halloo till he is out of the wood.

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REPORTS OF

Of the Rev. Dr. Amos

WITH THE VARIOUS ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED ON

EDINBURGH

and greatest provocation; and which of course has the best grounded reasons of complaint, and deserves the greater share of blame. The following articles, containing strictures on the controversy, copied from "THE EDINBURGH EVENING POST," by were written at an earlier stage of the business the views they contain may, in some points, be altered, or modified by subsequent discoveries; in substance and in spirit they are still correct and appropriate to the question. The first of these appeared in that Journal immediately after the publication of the Christian Instructor for February, 1828.

from the Edinburgh Evening Post of February 22, 1828.

We already alluded to the unseemly feud that exists between two of our most popular divines; we disapprove of the spirit and language of the notorious "Seven Letters;" and we are persuaded, with every Scotsman, that an unprovoked insult had been offered to our national religion, and an insidious attack at the altar of a Reverend Doctor of Divinity. The flame of discord, kindled by this unprovoked insult, has spread into a conflagration, which scarcely have anticipated; and which still rages with fury, in spite of private remonstrance, and public reprehension. Under these circumstances, we are authorized to revert to the subject, and to do so in a tone more grave and decided than we have previously occasion; at the same time, without partiality to either party, and from no more sincere wish to see this unfortunate exhibition a speedy conclusion. So far, however, as we have the temple and tendency of the present controversy, this desirable consummation is not yet accomplished. This Periodical, which thought remarkable for the mildness of its tone and the liberality of its sentiments, has of late been much violence with its discussions, and dealt

with severity. The identity of Mr. Gray as the guilty and offence, is unquestionably the writer of the pamphlet abetted its appearance, assisted by the press, and done all in his power to produce its effect. The surmises of the author's being a lady, seem to be without foundation, though her guilt is still rather suspected; the evidence depending on the testimony of Mr. Grey, in refraining from publication, and on some mysterious manuscripts, that are kept in relation to "Clodpate," as he has been called himself of all concern in the matter. Doctor sets at defiance "his duty as a warfare," and disregards his duty as a minister of the Gospel.

All circumstances considered, must be reprobated as highly unbecoming and profession of the men who presents a spectacle which humanity cannot be regarded but as dishonouring to religion. We can see no call for their animosities to such a length as the aggrieved party, and we had high provocation, and we are mortal that he received these insults, or set down calmly and without a word of imputation and unprovoked he was assailed," we readily sympathize with him in his condemnation of the conduct as they are in spirit, in part, and in view of the question in all its bearings. We had strong and urgent reasons to expect a measure of severity for trying of ordinary cases would be justified. This every man of honour will concede. It must be confessed that this frontless and cowardly assailant, there is a real

* This proceeds on the supposition that we were the first outbreaking of hostilities in the attack. The reader will find occasion, rectify this mistake.

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